

Birthday Gathering Urges Larkins to Run for Governor



These are random shots at the Larkins Birthday Dinner Saturday. Randolph Foy, at left, exhibits the latest in masculine millinery, an

off-the-face Basque straw, for afternoon teas and political barbecues. Next in line Honoree Larkins is flanked by Commissioners Braxton George, D. A. Jones,

Harold Mallard, J. W. Creagh, Sheriff Brown Yates and County Attorney George Hughes. In the picture at right, Larkins smiles as Master of Ceremonies Court

Clerk Murray Whitaker brings up pleasant memories of their 29-year association, while in the middle Attorney Hughes smiles at the Whitaker anecdote.

Saturday 1,647 friends of National Democratic Committeeman John Larkins gathered in Trenton for a barbecue birthday supper on his 50th birthday anniversary, and the mood of the crowd as well as the words spoken in a brief ceremony urged Larkins' candidacy for governor in 1960.

A county-wide committee headed by Rudolph Pelletier of Maysville had sponsored the supper honoring Jones County's favorite politician.

Superior Court Clerk Murray Whitaker was master of ceremonies and lauded Larkins' devotion to and sacrifices for the Democratic Party. Whitaker said, "I love a good Democrat, and John Larkins is one of the best."

Long-time colleague County Attorney George Hughes also spoke briefly but feelingly of Larkins' accomplishments and of his excellent chance of becoming North Carolina's governor in 1960 if his friends across the state would stand together.

County Commissioners' Chairman John W. Creagh reminded the audience which was 99.9 per cent Jones County, with only a handful of out-of-county guests, "It's all right for us to squabble amongst ourselves about county issues, but when it comes to backing John Larkins for Governor that's one subject on which we should all stand solid."

Supper Chairman Pelletier presented Larkins with a jewelry gift and Larkins responded with brief recollections of his arrival in Trenton as a young lawyer with nothing but "Miss Pauline, \$64 and a worn out car." (Mrs. Larkins is the former Pauline Murrell of Onslow County.)

Larkins remembered that his first law office was in the livery stable office and he thanked the people of Jones County for their help and understanding through the years.

In his 29 years as a Jones Countian, Larkins recalled that his two daughters had been born and educated there, and the oldest, Emma Sue, had married a Jones County boy, Dalton Loftin, and

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Trenton Firemen Organizing Rescue Squad to Serve Area; Financial Support Asked

This week a letter over the signature of Captain E. V. Eubank of the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department asked the help of all people in the general Trenton area in setting up a rescue squad. The letter follows:

"The members of the Trenton Volunteer Fire Department have organized an emergency rescue squad to help in emergencies such as drowning, heart attacks, electrical shocks, acute asthmatic attack, and accidents of all kinds.

"The men of the department will be given Red Cross first aid course to permit them to give aid

in emergencies. "The only way we have to get the rescue squad and resuscitator needed for these emergencies is through the financial support of individuals and the moral support of the entire community.

"As everyone knows we don't have a doctor in the immediate Trenton area. The rescue squad could mean the difference between life and death in many circumstances. The first aid course will not make doctors of the rescue squad but it will permit us to get people in need of emergency medical care to that help more quickly

and more safely. This is a non-profit organization and nobody draws any pay of any kind.

"During the past few years a number of people have been killed in the Trenton area. It is entirely possible that a functioning rescue squad might have saved the lives of some of these.

"In the next few days you will be approached by one of the volunteer firemen or by letter for a contribution. Give all you possibly can or if you wish to mail a contribution address it to E. V. Eubank, Rescue Squad Captain, Trenton, N. C.

"The resuscitator of the type to be purchased will be displayed around the county and in Trenton and it is the type most highly recommended for all types of respiratory failure."

Wreck Near Kinston Kills Two, Hurts 5 On Monday Evening

Lenoir County's 5th and 6th highway fatality's of 1959 came from a wreck at 5 p. m. Monday just east of the US 70 bypass bridge across Neuse River south of Kinston. Eddie Dixon of 104 West South Street was killed instantly and Johnnie Moore of 500 South Queen Street died two hours later in Lenoir Memorial Hospital.

The pickup truck in which the dead men were riding with seven others was being driven by 16 year-old Clarence Henry Dixon, son of the dead man.

No other vehicle was involved and apparently the young driver, who had just gotten his license six months before, lost control and permitted the truck to roll over the fill while travelling at a pretty

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Quick Glance at Jones Budget

COMES IN HERE	Department	Budget
Back Taxes	General Welfare	8 8,000
Intangible Tax	Aid to Blind	1,532
Land Sales	Welfare Administration	14,413
Court Fees	Old Age Assistance	38,880
Reg. Deed Fees	Aid Dependent Children	110,160
Rentals	Aid to Totally Disabled	36,120
Beer License	County Accountant	3,599
Farm Census	Extension Department	10,474
Veteran Commission	Forest Fire Control	3,000
Beer-Wine Tax	Health Department	16,007
Forest Fund	Bond Redemption	34,260
Tax Commissions	School Operation	123,095
Court Costs	School Capital Outlay	13,766
ABC Stores	School Debt	19,060
Poll Tax	Mosquito Control	2,500
Interest	General Fund	96,106
Dog Tax	Total	\$530,972
Court Fines		
School Income		
Surplus		
State-Fed. Funds		
Taxes Levied*		
Total		\$530,972

Obviously every figure under income is an estimate—an educated estimate, based on past yields from these many sources of revenue to the county.

General practice among all budget makers is to lean over backwards to keep the budget in the black. This is reflected in the \$116,268 tax figure in the tabulation above. Theoretically the 1.66 tax rate fixed this month by the board of commissioners would

yield \$166,996—but some taxpayers pay in advance and earn a discount. Many more simply pay their taxes on time, but another considerable segment of the taxpayers either cannot or will not pay their taxes until they are past due. This group accounts for the land sale item of \$4,500, the back tax item of \$23,608, and the tax commission item of \$7,500.

The only figures that the board can fix with certainty in preparing a budget are the state and federal matching funds that are allocated to all counties on a fixed formula, which makes it possible to know exactly how much will be allocated to Jones County if it appropriates

the necessary number of matching dollars. This applies in the school, welfare, health, forestry, extension and mosquito control departments.

An example of this matching funds may be seen in the school where the operating costs for the coming year are fixed at \$123,095. Of this total various matching funds account for \$89,203. Book rentals and other minor income of the school system account for \$3,915, court fines are expected to contribute \$3,100, dog tax pays \$700 toward running the schools, \$6,200 in refunds from numerous sources, an \$8,200 carry-over surplus, \$5,000 back taxes and \$900 from intangible tax sources leave the county commissioners with the job of just digging up \$5,777 in new tax money to cover current operating expenses of the school system.

Items that do no share to any great extent in these state and federal matching funds require a much larger slice of new tax money. The general fund for instance which covers county officers such as sheriff, clerk of court, maintenance of buildings and grounds gets much less outside help. This general fund budget of \$96,106 is derived from \$740

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Here Larkins exhibits his best handshaking manner with Morehead City Radioman Grover C. Muden, while Mrs. Virgil Jenkins of Maysville listens to the exchange of pleasantries.



This is the Larkins handshake as he welcomes another guest to the Legion Fairgrounds in Trenton. Mrs. Larkins and Mrs. Carl Gray flank Larkins.